

**West Contra Costa Unified School District  
Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting  
Lovonya DeJean Middle School  
3400 Macdonald Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94805**

**April 4, 2012**

**A. CLOSED SESSION**

**B. OPENING PROCEDURES**

President Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session.  
President Ramsey called the Public Session to order at 6: 37 P.M.

**B.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

President Ramsey led the pledge of allegiance.

**B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures**

President Ramsey offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

**B.3 Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey, Tony Thurmond

**Staff Present:** Magdy Abdalla, Director Facilities Construction; Martin Coyne, Director of Bonds Program; Danielle Paradisa, Director of Finance; Joe Mayes, Manager of Maintenance and Operations; Jean Hansen, Principal Peres Elementary School; Sylvia Greenwood, Principal Lovonya DeJean Middle School; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Erin Fleming, Director Classified Personnel; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; June Kalfsbeek, Sr. Confidential Secretary; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Education Services; Ann Reinhamen, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Reyna Ortiz de Toureil, Translator

**B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Gompers High School**

Absent

President Ramsey passed the gavel to Mr. Medrano to preside over this portion of the meeting.

**B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session**

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the April 4, 2012 recommendation to approve expulsion cases #001 - #006 and suspend those expulsions for placement within the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

**Motion: Ms. Kronenberg moved to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the recommendation of April 4, 2012 for expulsion cases #001 -#006. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather and Mr. Thurmond voted yes, President Ramsey abstained, and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.**

Mr. Medrano passed the gavel to President Ramsey who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption**

**MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of the agenda, including moving items D.1 and D.3 to follow Approval of Minutes. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**B.7 Minutes: March 21, 2012**

**MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Minutes of March 21, 2012. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and 0 absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS**

**D.1 Recognition of John Iwawaki for his 100<sup>th</sup> Escape Club Camping Trip**

Superintendent Harter presented John Iwawaki, DeJean Middle School teacher, with recognition for completion of one hundred overnight camping field trips with the Escape Club at Adams and DeJean Middle Schools

**Public Comment:**

Jason Lau

**Board Comment:**

Ms. Merriweather thanked Mr. Iwawaki for her daughter the Escape Club.

**D.3 Closing the Achievement Gap Update**

Superintendent Harter presented i

**C.20 Peres Elementary School Dental Clinic**

Dr. Tanita thanked the District and Principal Hansen. He said the supportive community is a model for other

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

President Ramsey directed Mr. Fay and Mr. Abdalla to move this project forward. Mr. Hibser of Hibser, Yamauchi Architects, Inc. also shared that the project has been given



**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Ramsey adjourned the meeting in the name of former State Trustee and Administrator Fred Stewart at 9:54 P.M.

*Motion vote count order: Yes-No-Abstain-Absent*

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<p><b><u>AAM</u></b> Approved 4/25/12</p>
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